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PANTHER COURT

A FORMER BLACK PANTHER PARTY CHIEF OF SECURITY TESTIFIED FRIDAY IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT THAT AN FBI INFORMANT CHECKED A PANTHER PARTY APARTMENT TWICE, ONLY HOURS BEFORE POLICE PAIDED IT.

LOUIS TRUELOCK SAID HE WAS GUARDING THE APARTMENT AT 2337 W. MONROE ST. ON DEC. 3, 1969, WHEN WILLIAM M. O'NEAL JR. CAME OVER TO INSPECT THE GUNS THERE. O'NEAL WAS AN FBI INFORMANT WHO INFILTRATED THE PARTY AND REPORTED THAT THERE WERE ILLEGAL GUNS IN THE APARTMENT.

COOK COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY'S POLICE RAIDED THE APARTMENT BEFORE DAWN ON DEC. 4, 1969, KILLING PANTHER LEADERS MARK CLARK AND FRED HAMPTON. POLICE CLAIMED THEY WERE LOOKING FOR A SAWED -OFF SHOTGUN AND A STOLEN POLICE RIOT GUN.

THE FAMILIES OF CLARK AND HAMPTON AND SURVIVORS FILED \$47.7-MILLION DAMAGE SUIT IN 1970, CHARGING THEN STATE'S ATTY. EDWARD V. HANRAHAN AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS WITH A MURDER CONSPIRACY AND A COVERUP.

SENIOR JUDGE JOSEPH SAM PERRY REFUSED TO LET TRUELOCK TESTIFY ABOUT WHETHER O'NEAL ENCOURAGED THE PANTHERS TO COMMIT CRIMES.

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THE JUDGE NOTED THAT THE PANTHER PARTY ATTORNEYS HAD NOT INCLUDED TRUELOCK'S TESTIMONY CONCERNING O'NEAL'S ROLE AS AN AGENT PROVOCATEUR IN A SUMMARY OF TRUELOCK'S TESTIMONY GIVEN TO DEFENSE ATTORNEYS EARLIER.

PANTHER ATTORNEY JEFFREY H. HAAS CHARGED THAT JUDGE PERRY WAS EXCLUDING EVIDENCE TO PROTECT THE FBI.

THE EIGHT-MONTH TRIAL WILL RESUME ON SEPT. 13, AFTER A THREE-WEEK RECESS.

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